

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD JANUARY 12, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held on January 12, 2010 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pollock at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were in attendance:

Kati Driban	Mark B. Miller
Michael Hartline	Cynthia Mueller
Thomas Hezel	Dr. Andrew Pollock
Betty Huf	Thomas Reinboth
Jane Schrader Lynch	

The following Administration members were in attendance at the meeting:

Dr. Jennifer Foight-Cressman	Dr. Thomas Turnbaugh
Susan Klyman	Timothy Vail
Victor Lasher	

Additional meeting attendees are listed on the attached sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Pollock led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Pollock congratulated the Superintendent on his recent engagement.

Mrs. Mueller announced that the newsletter would be coming out in electronic form.

Ms. Driban congratulated the students at MBIT for the phenomenal job they did at the Open House.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Mrs. Huf by PSBA

Dr. Turnbaugh congratulated Mrs. Huf for her 16 years of service on the Board. He read a certificate from PSBA, which he then presented to Mrs. Huf.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that January was School Directors' Month and read a proclamation from PSBA. Each Board member would receive this and a Certificate of Appreciation. He thanked the Board members on behalf of Administration.

GOOD NEWS

Ms. Klyman presented the Good News Report (see attached.)

STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Nick Zuzelo reported on the following matters:

- The Winter Concert on December 18th.
- Senior Sweetheart tickets were on sale.
- Mid-terms would be at the end of the month.
- Cap and gown day would be this week.
- AP Psychology field trip would be the following day

MBIT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Liz Camacho reported on the following items at MBIT:

- Open House on January 7th, which went well.
- The Health Occupation Blood Drive on January 7-8 was successful.
- The Student-built house was for sale, with bid packets becoming available on January 28th.
- The 2010-2011 course offerings were sent home.
- Skills USA Competitions would be February 3rd.
- Salon Extreme and Aspirations Restaurant were open to the public.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pollock stated that he would like to do a consent agenda for items on which the Board was in agreement.

Ms. Driban asked if there was a limit to the number of students who could participate in Item #2.

Andrew Graff (teacher) responded that he was waiting for Board approval before giving out permission slips but it would probably be a modest number.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would like to remove Item #6.

Mr. Miller requested to pull Items 7, 8 and 10.

Mrs. Lynch requested to pull Item #12.

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth to move Items #1, 2, 3, 5 and 11 under consent agenda.

Mr. Miller wanted to have all the motions read. He stated that unless they were read, he would pull them.

Dr. Pollock stated that they did not all have to be read.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she would not agree to a consent agenda and would request that they all be pulled.

Mrs. Huf asked for a consensus of the Board and stated that at MBIT they do a consent agenda.

Dr. Pollock stated that they have to be in the Minutes but do not have to be read individually.

Mr. Hezel stated that he would like to make a note that there was a mistake on Item #1 because there was omission of a student. It should be all three students.

1A. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 11-19

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow Student 11-19 to remain at Leary Elementary School for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The family will provide transportation.

The motion passed 9-0.

1B. Exception to Policy 7.18, Resident, Non-Resident and Tuition Status for Student 3-12(a) and Student 3-12(b)

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves an exception to Policy 7.18 to allow two siblings, Student 3-12(a) and 3-12(b), to attend Centennial's Autistic Support program on a tuition basis at an estimated rate of \$9,310.08 per student, a total of \$18,620.16. (Rate is subject to change.) Transportation will be provided by the home district.

The motion passed 9-0.

2. Preliminary Approval for WTHS World Language Students' Trip to Deutschfest at Diamond Ridge Conference Center

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by world language students at William Tennent High School to the Deutschfest at Diamond Ridge Conference Center in Jamison, PA, March 19-20, 2010. The cost to the District will not exceed \$100.

The motion passed 9-0.

3. Preliminary Approval of Trip by WTHS Key Club Students to Hershey

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board grants preliminary approval for a trip by students from the William Tennent High School Key Club to the Pennsylvania Key Club State Convention in Hershey, PA, March 5-7, 2010. The cost to the District will not to exceed \$1,050.

The motion passed 9-0.

4. This item was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

5. Participation in PSBA Travel Accident Option

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the District's participation in the PSBA Travel Accident School Director and Administrator Option, subject to the open enrollment period(s) and the provision that no cost be incurred by the District.

The motion passed 9-0.

6. Intent to Adopt 2010-2011 Proposed Preliminary Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Hezel to resolve that the Centennial School Board, in conformance with Special Session Act 1 of 2006, hereby

authorizes Administration to advertise intent to adopt a proposed preliminary general fund budget for FY 2010-2011 in the amount of \$95,169,171 and further authorizes said proposed preliminary budget to be placed on the agenda for adoption at the regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for February 9, 2010.

Mr. Miller stated that he would not be able to support this. These are difficult economic times and he felt that some items needed a closer look.

Mrs. Huf stated that she would not be supporting this because she did not think it was as fiscally tight as it could have been.

Mrs. Mueller indicated that she could not support this. She asked how the benefits and salaries figures were arrived at and stated that there was no backup on this.

Mr. Vail explained that there was a memo in the December 14th Finance agenda which outlined all the major categories in the budget and the assumptions that drove the final numbers.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that the rates were provided by our third party administrator that provided the estimated rates of increase and insurance. These are what were in the budget. The salary increases were based on the index.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she was definitely not supporting this if it was based on the index.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would be supporting this because it was required by law. However, she was not saying that she would vote for the final revision.

Ms. Driban asked when this needed to be done. Mr. Vail stated that in the budget calendar that was adopted by the Board in August all of the dates were listed specifically. (He did not have a copy with him.) In order to get this advertised for the public, something must be done at this meeting.

Mr. Miller asked if it was a problem to advertise a lower figure if we were not locked into this figure.

Dr. Pollock stated that his understanding of the problem was that once this was advertised we could go lower but could not go higher.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that we could go higher but there is a process in the District for establishing a budget. If you wish to make the number lower, there must be backup in the budget to reach that number. If you don't adopt a preliminary budget, you are in violation of Act 1.

Mr. Hezel stated that he thought that one of the things that would happen if you do not reach your deadline was that you lose your ability to apply for exceptions to the index

rule. We have an exception this year for the high school and an enormous exception for PSERS. If we don't get those exceptions, we would have to use our index to pay for that, which would virtually eliminate any increase for anything.

Mr. Miller stated that he believed he would demonstrate savings of \$434,000.

Mrs. Mueller stated that there were assumptions made on the labor agreements for which she did not believe there would be Board agreement. She indicated that she would support advertising but the labor committee needed to be prepared when meeting with the Board.

Mr. Reinboth stated that they would have more concrete information before the final budget. He looked forward to hearing people's ideas on reducing the budget.

Mrs. Huf stated that she did not want to break the law by not agreeing to advertise so she would support advertising.

Dr. Turnbaugh explained that Mr. Vail had to pick numbers for labor to put this together but because he put that number in did not mean that was what they would obtain. The agreement that would come out of labor relations would be negotiated, not what was in the budget.

The motion passed 9-0.

7. Approve Contracted Human Resource Services

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves contracting with Jean A. Rollo, Doylestown, PA for professional Human Resources services at a per diem rate of \$400 (\$50 per hour) based on the terms and conditions of the attached agreement.

Mrs. Mueller asked if we had advertised. Dr. Turnbaugh replied that we had.

Mrs. Mueller voiced her concern that we are not on an expedited track for getting a Human Resources person. She stated that she would not support this but would urge Administration to get on a fast track with this. Also, she noted that in the Friday update there was something about cutting back on personnel files, which concerned her.

Mr. Miller asked if we were keeping more than we need. He was also concerned about this.

Dr. Turnbaugh responded that we are.

Mr. Miller suggested that this be discussed in Finance.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she believed our past H.R. Director had made a recommendation for a reorganization of that department. Mrs. Lynch felt that she would know what needed to be done. She could not imagine getting anyone better than the person who worked in that department.

The motion passed 9-0.

8. Contracted Services – ACCESS Medical Assistance Billing – BCIU

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves arrangement with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit to provide clerical assistance two days per week to assist Special Education/Special Services staff with Project ACCESS Medical Assistance billing. The cost of these services will be deducted from the ACCESS proceeds received via the program with no direct costs being charged to the District per the terms and conditions of the attached supplement.

Mr. Miller stated that he thought this was wonderful but he had questions for which he would like answers. In response to Mr. Miller's questions, the following information was provided by Dr. Turnbaugh.

The anticipated revenue was \$250,000 net. The fee to be paid for this service was determined by the I.U.s, which was estimated to be \$16,000 per year; however, this could go up or down. They provide the same service to other schools in Bucks County. The term of the agreement is until June 30th. The money goes into an account; then we draw the money down from the account. We do not know who the six school districts are who do not use this service, nor do we know why they don't use it. BCIU does not have an agreement with any District on this. Their proposed agreement, which we saw several months ago, was their first attempt at an agreement. Dr. Turnbaugh stated that there is no contract required; it is not that complicated.

Mr. Miller was concerned that there was no written document to control this, nor to protect the entity.

Mr. Reinboth stated that he would be supporting this because it was an area where we currently derive no revenue. We can derive about \$100,000 of revenue for the remainder of the year. If we want a contract later on, we can do it.

Mr. Hezel stated that this is not a business, we provide a service. While there is some advantage to bringing business principles in, there is a fine line and we have to be aware of it.

Ms. Driban asked why the preliminary agreement that was brought to the Board in November wasn't brought forward now.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that it was too punitive to the District. It was not uncommon for the I.U. to provide services based on a letter or phone call. The terms were outlined in a letter dated December 22, 2009.

Mrs. Lynch felt that this conversation made it look like this was bad for the District but it was not.

Mrs. Mueller stated that this had been talked about for years. It as a good thing but having something in writing would protect the entity.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 7-0-2.

9. This item was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

10. Technology and ARRA Funding

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the purchase of 19 Promethean Interactive Whiteboards and 37 Mitsubishi short-throw projectors for use by special education teachers through American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding in the amount of \$57,348.

Mr. Hartline asked if these would be transferred to the new school. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that they would.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that he believed the ARRA money was specifically designated for special education so it would not be accurate to say it would be transferred. It must be within the restrictions of the guidelines of the funding. They would be moved eventually but they would most likely have to remain in special education classrooms.

Mr. Miller pointed out that there were no financial breakdowns or details provided.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that the Board had never resolved the issue of what it has to approve on a purchase. It was Dr. Turnbaugh's position that if something was in the

budget it would be purchased as long as we complied with the guidelines. This issue had to be resolved by the Board. He would not have brought this to the Board except that it was not in the budget, because it was new money coming in from the stimulus of ARRA. These were identical to previous purchases on state contracts. He brought it back because it was money above and beyond the budget.

Mrs. Mueller asked if there were enough rooms dedicated to special ed since we have so much inclusion.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that we do not but there is a formula to be used based on the number of children in special ed.

Mrs. Mueller asked if there were other stipulations or requirements because we are taking stimulus money.

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that there were many, but not financial requirements.

Mr. Miller asked what made this item different from the item that was pulled from the agenda (pianos.)

Dr. Turnbaugh stated that the reason was that the pianos were probably bid. In other districts, this would have been bought on state contract and the Board would not have even seen it.

Mr. Reinboth moved to call the question.

The motion to call the question passed 9-0.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 7-2.

11. Change Order Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves change order 008, 025 and 037 in the amount of \$106,738.86 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

Mrs. Huf stated that she had not been in support of the high school project so she would not be supporting this.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>

The motion passed 8-1.

12. Change Order Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves change order 033 and 035 in the amount of \$64,843.07 for the William Tennent High School Additions and Renovations Project.

Mrs. Lynch stated that these change orders had been requested by Administration and that she would be voting no.

Mrs. Mueller stated that they were doing this early so it came at a nominal charge. It was for special ed and she wholeheartedly supported this.

Mrs. Lynch stated that it was not that she did not care about the students but it was our error and she would be voting no. She felt we should have caught this.

Dr. Turnbaugh requested that the Board support both of these change orders. This was to provide desks and places for special education teachers. It was missed. Without this, the people will not have any place to go for a homeroom. He was happy this came back before the building was built.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she was against change orders period. They required additional monies.

Mrs. Huf stated that she was surprised when this came before the Board. She could not imagine how it was missed. She would not be supporting this.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Mr. Miller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Mueller</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dr. Pollock</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Reinboth</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Driban</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hartline</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Hezel</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Huf</i>	<i>No</i>

The motion passed 7-2.

Mrs. Lynch left the room at 8:22 p.m.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the following Personnel items: Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence; Authorization to Employ; Change of Status; Per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses; Substitute Support Staff; and Mentors.

The motion passed 8-0.

OPERATIONS AND POLICIES

Initial:

Mr. Hezel noted the following policies under initial distribution:

- 3.10 – Contacts with Law Enforcement Agencies
- 1.3 – Centennial School Board Organization and Board Director Responsibilities

Discussion:

7.27 – Payment of Bills

Ms. Driban asked why the first sentence of Section I.B. had been removed.

Mrs. Lynch returned to the room at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Lasher explained that the Policy Committee thought this was redundant since this was done anyway.

Ms. Driban asked why, in Section II.A. the words “each Friday” had been removed.

Mr. Vail responded that if Friday was a holiday, it could be done on a Thursday. It was not universally done on a Friday.

Ms. Driban suggested inserting the language “the last business day of the week.”

Mr. Hezel suggested that this be distributed to the Board members in their weekly packet.

Ms. Driban pointed out that Section II.C.3. stated that “The decision of the Finance Committee shall be final” but questioned why it was not the full Board.

Mrs. Mueller agreed, stating that the committee could only move something to the full Board.

With regard to Section II.A., Mrs. Mueller agreed with Ms. Driban’s suggested language change.

Mrs. Mueller also suggested that in Section I.A.j. that the word “or” be removed, which would require approval by both the Board and the Superintendent.

Dr. Turnbaugh explained that the policy had been revised and it had indicated that any Board member who required the hold of a check had to get the signature of five other Board members before it would be held. He took the position that it was not practical and was problematic and he would not support it. This was the next best thing that they knew to do. It was not accurate to say that it could not be done. If the Board approves that it goes to Finance and Finance makes a decision, then that is what policy indicates.

With regard to II.A., Dr. Turnbaugh felt that there should not be a specific day indicated. He had never been in a District that paid bills each week. Mr. Vail should do it when he found it convenient to do so. However, the Board should have adequate time to review it. He had discussed this with Mr. Vail, who felt that this works well and he wanted to keep it this way.

Regarding I.A.j., this is current Board policy, and Dr. Turnbaugh would not be in favor of removing the ability of the Superintendent to approve certain travels. However, he pointed out, the Board should not have to approve every time a teacher traveled to the Bucks County I.U. He questioned where the Board provided Administration authority to operate the District versus the Board’s authority or micromanagement of the system.

Dr. Pollock stated that he would not be voting for this because it was procedure, not policy. The Board had heard this the previous week. We have put the procedure into the policy. If we continue to do this, it makes for a very complicated situation.

Mr. Hezel agreed with Dr. Pollock as far as what the Board heard the previous Friday. He felt that until we get to a point when the Board decides to take procedures out of policies that it was appropriate to make these changes and updates as needed. But he felt that the Board should seriously think about separating them.

Dr. Pollock questioned whether they could be separated going forward.

Mr. Hezel felt that the Board as a whole was not ready to do so.

Mr. Miller stated there should be a recommendation from the policy committees but until then he felt the Board should continue as it had been doing. He stated that he supported this policy up to II.C., which should correct many of the problems. He felt a method needed to be prescribed whereby Board members would contact the Business Manager via use of the appropriate form. He questioned how long he had to respond.

Dr. Turnbaugh responded that the form was in A.R. and it would not be put in the policy because all forms are part of administrative rights. He was not sure how this would work out as far as the procedure but it did not belong in policy. Every Director should be given the opportunity to question any bill that was being paid save for those that would create a penalty and a cost to the taxpayer. He also pointed out that if a Board member had a question, they could call on the phone. It did not have to be so formalized.

Mrs. Mueller questioned what was being done about II.C.3. She felt that there needed to be a system of checks and balances because there had been big-ticket items that had been missed in the past.

Mr. Reinboth suggested that items over a certain dollar amount could go before the full Board.

Mrs. Mueller felt the point was that business procedures were not being followed, regardless of dollar amount.

Mr. Miller stated that the issue was that there was no other resolution process. This revised policy provided a resolution process.

Ms. Driban suggested that II.C.3. stated that all discussion should be held at the Finance Committee. At the Board level, any statements by Board members should be limited to one or two minutes.

Mr. Miller felt that there would be nothing that could not be resolved in the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Mueller stated that she had a problem limiting the time of what a Board member had to say if it came back to the full Board.

Dr. Turnbaugh felt that it was not correct to say that the backup had been wrong or inaccurate. Maybe the perceptions or expectations of certain Board members had been different. There had been local and state audits and there had been no findings in the past five years. He felt that if a Board member wanted to ask a question about an invoice, they had the right to do so and it was up to the Business Manager to resolve it. There had to be some autonomy on the part of Administration. At this point, he was not sure what the Board wanted in the policy.

Mr. Reinboth felt that the more the Board got caught up in small details, the less time it had to devote to the big items.

There was consensus of the Board that II.C.3. should be changed.

Dr. Pollock requested that Board members get their comments to Dr. Turnbaugh.

Final Approval:

7.15 – Possession and Use of Tobacco by Students

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 7.15 – Possession and Use of Tobacco by Students.

The motion passed 9-0.

5.16 – English as a Second Language Program

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.16 – English as a Second Language Program.

The motion passed 9-0.

5.7 – Reporting Student Progress and Honors

A motion was made by Mr. Hezel and seconded by Mr. Hartline to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the revisions to Policy 5.7 – Reporting Student Progress and Honors.

The motion passed 9-0.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mrs. Huf to resolve that the Centennial School Board accepts the:

- *Schedule of Bills – December 2009*

- *Investments – December 2009*
- *Cafeteria Fund Budget Report – December 2009*

and approves the:

- *Fund Profiles/Treasurer's Report – December 2009*
- *Budget Transfers – January 2010*

The motion passed 8-0-1. (Mr. Miller opposed.)

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Reinboth and seconded by Mr. Miller to resolve that the Centennial School Board approves the Minutes of the Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting of November 24, 2009.

Mrs. Lynch requested a minor revision.

The motion passed 7-0-2. (Mrs. Huf and Mr. Hartline abstained.)

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Dr. Pollock stated that he would like an Executive Session on January 20th to deal with the organizational chart.

Mrs. Lynch pointed out that not everyone could be there at that time. Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that he would have everyone contacted to find an agreeable date for all nine Board members.

Dr. Pollock stated that he had not appointed liaisons for the local townships/boroughs and that he would like the Board's opinion. There was consensus that each region should decide what they want and let Dr. Pollock know so he could appoint them.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Turnbaugh reported that, as a follow-up to the previous Friday's meeting, he was scheduling a joint meeting of both committees on January 19th. Then he would submit his report to the Board.

Dr. Turnbaugh indicated that he had met with the Kiwanis Club of Southampton where he spoke about the construction project in detail and discussed their concerns. He also met with a representative from the Ben Wilson Senior Community Center. He will be going to the facility with some of the administrators and will be discussing how to better network some of our students into that facility.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lynch thanked Mr. Hezel for being on this committee and welcomed Mrs. Mueller to the committee. The committee met on December 21st. There was a kindergarten update, with a presentation on full-day kindergarten by Dr. Jane Dashbach from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Mrs. Lynch stated that Senior Day would be January 15th.

FINANCE & LONG RANGE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinboth announced that the next meeting would be on January 20th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Hezel stated that there had been a meeting the previous week. Discussion centered on the status of the high school project and the elementary project. The numbers were reviewed for the elementary project and, with the numbers provided, it was found that we cannot afford the four-building scenario at this point so we are continuing with the three-building scenario. While the three-building scenario creates debt, the net increase to our operational budget is approximately \$73,000.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Mrs. Huf reported on the meeting of the previous week, including the following:

- Former Board members were recognized.
- The new Superintendent of record as of July 1st will be Dr. Turnbaugh.
- Articulation Agreements with Bucks County Community College were approved.

Citizens Policy

Mr. Hezel reported that there would be a meeting on January 19th, at which the following policies would be discussed:

- 3.4 – Student Trips
- 3.7 – Student Responsibility and Discipline
- 5.8 – Guest Speakers for the Instructional Program

PSBA Liaison

Mrs. Lynch reported as follows:

- The legislature was back in session.
- There would be pension web conferences on January 13, 19 and 21.
- There was an article from MSNBC regarding Keystone exams for seniors.

- The Tax Collection Committee was changed to January 21st.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Mueller read a statement into the record, which she asked be included verbatim. The statement read as follows:

“Madam Secretary, I would like the following statement placed verbatim into the minutes.

“The arbitrary and capricious actions in violation of policy have reached an intolerable level.

“A letter was delivered to Dr. Turnbaugh on Dec. 22, 2009. This letter speaks to the questionable reorganization of the board on December, 7, 2009. We have been given a copy of Mr. Garton's letter dated January 4, 2010. Mr. Garton's letter of January 4, 2010 is irrelevant, because you can't cure a violation of policy after the fact. The Policy in force on December 7, 2009, states "The President and Vice President shall be, if possible, from different Townships". I now present to the Board Secretary, a copy of a letter from Mr. Miller, Ms. Driban and me, sent with the support of several members of the CSD community at large. I request this letter be entered into the minutes along with our request for an acknowledgement and reply from an officer of the Centennial School District Board of School Directors.

“We find it deplorable that Dr. Pollock and Dr. Turnbaugh continue to expend this District's funds to seek ways to circumvent our Policy rather than embrace it. We feel Mr. Garton is walking a thin line by providing assistance in that effort, for a fee. While we do commend Mr. Garton for pointing out the most important fact in reminding the Board of School Directors he has not given any opinion as to whether the Board SHOULD have followed its own policy, we also remind him he is engaged to protect Centennial School District and not a select group of School Directors who are attacking a smaller group of School Directors.

“While we continue to hope this matter can be resolved amicably within the District, the chances of that grow remote with each passing day. Accordingly, the principal plaintiffs have met and will be recommending to the remainder that we expand our litigation to include an investigation to determine if there was a violation of Sunshine Law by deliberating in private to predetermine the outcome of the Board's reorganization on December 7, 2009. Further, we will be filing an additional count against some of the defendants for wanton disregard of District Policy. Our chief example of this claim will be tied to the renaming of Alumni Stadium in violation of several District and Board Policies. Mr. Hezel and Mr. Hartline will not be named in the new matter since they did not vote in favor of the motion in dispute.”

Mrs. Lynch stated that she would like to know exactly who they were suing.

Mrs. Mueller responded that her letter speaks for itself and she was making no other comments.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Miller reviewed the schedule. (See Schedule attached hereto.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf and seconded by Mr. Hartline to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie A. Detwiler
Board Secretary